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Today marks the third week since the pesticide poisoning incident in the US Virgin Islands. The two boys remain in a medically induced coma. The father is stable but cannot speak and has shaking of body. The mother is at an occupational therapy facility to deal with tremors.

ATSDR remains in the US Virgin Islands, doing health interviews with people who may have been exposed to methyl bromide. They will leave this weekend but know that we will likely request them back in Puerto Rico.

Indoor air and surface sampling is done in the two apartments in the US Virgin Islands. Preliminary results found methyl bromide in the second floor apartment where the injured family was staying. Final sampling will be done on Tuesday and then EPA will consult with the VI Health Department and ATSDR about conditions that would allow re occupancy of the apartments. All soft surfaces (curtains, blankets, etc) will be removed from the apartments and after ventilation the best outcome is to achieve non detect on indoor air samples.

The Virgin Islands environmental agency announced that methyl bromide was used by two other applicators in St. Thomas, a neighboring island of St. John.

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